

Climate change is the most serious threat to our environment, our health, and our way of life. Scientists have predicted that dangerous and irreversible climate change will occur if the Earth's temperature rises more than 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit. Already, we are seeing the drastic effects of climate change, with melting ice caps, species migrating north, and violent storms increasing in number and intensity. Even higher temperatures could flood major coastal cities around the world, contaminate freshwater sources, and subject all people to dangerous rays from the sun.

I am committed to reversing the harmful effects of global warming by investing in clean energy technology, reducing America's dependence on foreign oil, and reversing the harmful effects of decades of unchecked pollution by developing American energy solutions to these challenges that will create jobs.

As a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee I worked closely with my colleagues to pass the American Clean Energy and Security Act. This bill is a comprehensive approach to America's energy policy that will create millions of new clean energy jobs, save consumers hundreds of billions of dollars in energy costs, enhance America's energy independence, and cut global warming pollution.

While it is important to find new forms of clean energy, I believe it is just as important to find more efficient ways to use current forms of energy. I supported President Obama's decision to speed up the timetable on CAFE to reduce auto emissions and increase efficiency standards.

I know that a comprehensive energy policy for America must also include advances in mass transit. Mass transportation has a proven record of moving people to and from their destinations safely, quickly, and efficiently. That is why I supported funding in the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act that will be used to build a network of high-speed rail systems around the country.

I am committed to working toward these goals without sacrificing the precious resources and beauty provided by our environment.